



SOME OF THE CHARACTERS SEEN AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE AT TRENTON.

JERSEY SOLONS OBEY THE LOBBY.

Organization Programme It Had Prepared Carried Out.

ONLY FORMAL OPPOSITION.

Hopeless Democratic Minority Furnishes but Faint Evidence of Its Existence.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

After the Usual Ceremonies, New Jersey's One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature Adjourns to Monday.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 12.—Without unusual color or incident the one hundred and twenty-first New Jersey Legislature was re-opened to the Capitol this afternoon.

Floral horseshoes, anchors, ensels, baskets and stars adorned most of the desks in both houses when the hour for convening—3 o'clock—arrived. Upon Speaker MacPherson's desk was a huge easel, bearing the crescent and star of the Mystic Shrine. The galleries were crowded with spectators, and that assigned to women was particularly gay with fashionable gowns and bonnets.

On the floor, packed up against the brass railing which designates the point beyond which the ordinary speaker may not go, was a mass of place seekers, ranging from the oyster and clam digger of South Jersey to the ruddy, chin-whiskered citizen of Sussex County and the ward heeler from Essex and Hudson counties.

Among those who witnessed the opening scenes in the Senate chamber were Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart, wife of the Vice-President-elect, and Mrs. John W. Griggs, wife of New Jersey's Governor. They occupied front seats in the gallery and afterward made an inspection of the rooms.

Senator Daly, of Hudson County, the leader of the three Democratic Senators, was allowed the courtesy of acting as temporary president of the upper house during the preliminary ceremonies. When the newly elected Senators Messrs. Voorhees, Reed, Francis, Stanger, Johnson, Ketcham and Barber, were summoned to take the oath Mr. Johnson declined to be sworn on the Bible. The oath was administered to him by affirmation. His action caused some

surprise, but he afterward explained to a Journal reporter: "I never took an oath on the Bible in my life," he said. "My family are all Quakers, and it is a matter of religion with me never to swear except by affirmation."

Senator Stokes, of Cumberland, presented the certificates of election of the new Senators and furnished the attested roll of the Senate from the Secretary of State. Then the caucus state was presented by Senator Voorhees. In taking the President's chair Senator Williams, who hails from Passaic County, made the customary speech, but he made it short and proceeded quickly to business.

It was the same in the Assembly. Speaker MacPherson made a happy little speech after Assemblymen Porter and Barton had sworn their fellow members in. Then the Assembly notified the Senate and Governor that they were organized; the Senate returned a similar notification, and the Governor sent his annual message to both houses. Then an adjournment was taken until next Monday night, when the real business of the session will begin. Before adjournment, President Williams, of the Senate, announced these committees:

Judiciary—Voorhees, W. M. Johnson, Daly, Herndon, of the Laws—Vreeland, Herbert, Reed, Appropriations—W. M. Johnson, Stokes, Skirm, Finance—Parry, Stokes, Vreeland, Corporations—Stokes, Gould, H. W. Johnson, Municipal Corporations—Skirm, Ketcham, Daly, Railroads and Canals—Herbert, Engle, Miller, Banks and Insurance—Ketcham, Ross, Hoffmann.

Education—Hoffmann, Voorhees, Vreeland, Militia—Ketcham, Skirm, Barber, Game and Fisheries—Engle, Parry, Kuhl, Rivers and Harbors—Reed, Francis, Agriculture and Agricultural College—Parry, Miller, Stanger, Miscellaneous Business—Gould, Engle, H. W. Johnson, Unfinished Business—Miller, Gould, Barber, Committee on Clergy—Skirm, Ketcham, Parry, Labor and Industries—H. W. Johnson, Ross, Kuhl.

Public Grounds and Buildings—Engle, Stanger, Skirm, Printing—Reed, Engle, H. W. Johnson, Passed Bills—Gould, Voorhees, Daly, Commerce and Navigation—Ross, Vreeland, Barber, Federal Relations—Francis, Miller, Kuhl, Soldiers' Home—Stokes, Herbert, Miller, Reform School for Boys—Hoffmann, W. M. Johnson, Stanger, Sinking Fund—Ketcham, Voorhees, Daly, Industrial School for Girls—Stokes, Francis, Kuhl.

School for Deaf-Mutes—Skirm, Parry, Barber, Committee on Clergy—Skirm, Ketcham, Parry, Election—Francis, Hoffmann, Reed, Parry. Mr. Reed presented one by which it is intended to make official ballots in elections blue, instead of white.

For the first time since the Constitutional amendments passed last year, they were in the form of a concurrent resolution, and will be considered later in the session.

BROTHERS BITTEN BY A DOG.

The Animal Died Next Day, Whether of Rabies or Not is Unknown.

Ten-year-old Harry Fritz and his younger brother, Leo, sons of A. B. Fritz, a Custom House Inspector in New York, who lives at Cedar Grove, N. J., were playing in the yard on Monday afternoon when their father's bird dog fastened its teeth in Harry's cheek. When Leo endeavored to drive the brute off it bit him in the lip. The boys then ran into the house.

When the father returned home he locked the dog up, intending to have it examined, but yesterday morning the animal was found dead. Fritz believes it had been poisoned and was suffering from the effects of the dose when it attacked the boys. The boys were taken to Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday morning to a specialist for treatment.

MAKING PLANS FOR HIS OWN FUNERAL.

Joseph B. Mills, of Paterson, Selects Pallbearers and Singer.

ALL NOTIFIED BY LETTER.

Reminds a Young Lady of Her Promise to Sing Over His Bier.

MISSING SINCE DECEMBER.

Mills Disappeared Then with the Advance Sale of a Concert—Friends Look for Him in Philadelphia, Whence He Wrote.

Joseph B. Mills, of Paterson, N. J., has been busily engaged for the last few days in making arrangements for his funeral, which, he says, will occur in a few days from the home of his father, ex-Alderman James Mills, on Hamilton avenue, in that city. He has not only selected his pallbearers, but has requested a Paterson young woman, whose voice he particularly admires, to sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" at the funeral services.

Some weeks ago he heard her sing the hymn at a funeral, and seemingly in a joking way he afterward obtained her promise to repeat it over his bier. Yesterday she received a letter reminding her of her promise, and pleading with her not to fail to keep it.

Mills is the young man who early in December engaged Seid's Metropolitan Orchestra and high-class vocal talent to give concerts in Elizabeth, Newark and Paterson. The Elizabeth and Newark concerts did not take place, and on December 23, a few hours before the Paterson performance was scheduled to begin, Mills disappeared with the proceeds of the advance sale of tickets. Some said he was frightened at the prospect of failure; others that it was deliberate defalcation. Company A, Second Regiment, the use of whose name Mills had secured, paid ticket purchasers.

It was afterward learned that Mills had taken but little of the money with him, having spent most of it in buying costly presents for a young lady with whom he was madly in love. It was also made public for the first time, soon after his disappearance, that he had stolen \$1,500 while secretary and treasurer of the Board of Health, presumably for the same purpose. That embezzlement was made good by relatives.

Mills was not heard from again until Monday, when several friends received letters asking them to serve as pallbearers at his funeral, which, the writer said, would occur in a very few days, and the vocalist referred to received the request to sing at his obsequies. All the letters were

written on the stationery of the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia.

They were turned over to the young man's father, who at once sent Samuel Barbour and Lawyer William H. Belcher to Philadelphia. A letter received from Belcher yesterday stated that Mills, who had registered as Joseph B. Morton, of Utica, left the Hotel Walton on Monday. A note in his key box said he would return at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, but he has not been seen since. The aid of the Philadelphia police has been called in. It is feared that he has become demented or committed suicide. Lawyer Belcher concludes by saying that he will continue the search until he finds Mills, dead or alive.

Mills is fair, clean shaven, slight and about twenty-six years old. He dresses with good taste.

WOMAN SAVED INVALID.

Mrs. Zehden Dragged Helpless Mr. Burkhardt to a Window While the Hotel Was Burning.

Several persons narrowly escaped death by fire early yesterday morning when Zehden's Casino, at the foot of First avenue, College Point, L. I., was burned to the ground. The buildings destroyed comprised a three-story frame hotel, a large hall and outbuildings. The fire was first discovered by Otto Falk, a bartender, who was sleeping in one of the second story bedrooms. He was awakened by smoke which filled the room and almost suffocated him.

Falk jumped out of bed and rushed through the corridors shouting "Fire!" Summoned Edna Zehden, the proprietress of the Casino, and August Burkhardt, the night porter, who were still in the building. He procured a ladder and placed it against the roof of the piazza.

On reaching the nearest window, he found that Mrs. Zehden had carried Burkhardt to it and was attempting to get him out on the roof of the piazza. They escaped almost unharmed, but for Burkhardt's timely arrival both would probably have perished.

The loss is about \$15,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

The place has been used as training quarters by a number of prominent pugilists during the past few years. Billy O'Donnell, the Mountbatter pugilist, who whipped Andy Cuneo at Union Park Monday night, was a guest at the hotel. He claims to have lost a training apparatus valued at \$1,000.

GIVES DEMOCRATS A SHOW.

President Stewart Increases His Opponent's Representation on Aldermanic Committees.

President Stewart, of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, yesterday announced his standing committees. He increased the Democratic representation to three members on each committee. Last year every committee had five Republicans and two Democrats. The more important committees are composed as follows:

Gas and Electricity—Lengcraft, Taylor, Francisco, Williams, Doyle, Guilfoyle and Dunn.

Railroads—Taylor, Thompson, Myers, Wassuth, Hennessy, Guilfoyle and Dunn.

Police—Wassuth, Lengcraft, Taylor, Singleton, Bacher, Welton and Dunn.

Contracts—Williams, Thompson, Taylor, Wassuth, Dunne, Bacher and Dunn.

COUNT'S GRANDSON WEDS.

Married to a Pretty Girl in the Brooklyn City Hall.

The grandson of a Russian Count, who is a tailor at No. 198 Joralemon street, Brooklyn, was married at noon on Monday to a very pretty girl, and the wedding was performed in the Brooklyn City Hall. The bridegroom was Joseph R. von Kellier, and the bride Miss Esther Stone, of New York. Alderman Myers performed the ceremony. Afterward the wedding party went to the bride's home, at No. 203 East One Hundred and Seventh street, New York.

The bridegroom is twenty-eight years old. His father, who lives in Odessa, is the daughter of a Russian Count, who lost his life in the Polish insurrection of 1831.

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FROM HOSPITAL COT TO THE COLD GROUND.

Newark Health Board to Investigate Treatment of City Patients.

HELPLESS, YET TURNED OUT

Rheumatic George Stanford Is Wheeled Out and Dumped in the Street.

HOSPITAL TOOK HIM BACK.

But Aged James Bradshaw, Who Fell from Weakness While Trying to Walk Home, Was Refused Readmission.

The Newark Health Board has been asked to investigate the conduct of the City Hospital authorities in turning patients out who are not in fit condition to care for themselves.

Mrs. James Bradshaw, who lives with her daughter at No. 247 Norfolk street, complained to the Board of Health yesterday of the treatment to which her husband had been subjected by the hospital authorities.

Mr. Bradshaw, who is seventy-two years old, has been a resident of Newark for over fifty years. About three years ago his health began to fail him and since then he has been almost helpless. A week ago Dr. David J. Edwards, who was attending him, suggested that he be removed to the City Hospital, where there are facilities for giving him better care than he could get at home. The old man was taken there and remained until Monday. Then he was put out, he claims, but the hospital authorities say he asked to be allowed to go home and they granted his request.

Bradshaw was found a short time after he had left the hospital lying on the ground at Bank and Camden streets, a block from the hospital. He was cut and bleeding from his fall. Policeman Bauer learned from the old man that he had just

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left the hospital and that he had managed to get to where he was found by supporting himself against fences as he staggered along. When he reached the end of the last fence he attempted to go alone, fell through weakness and was unable to arise.

Bauer telephoned to the hospital explaining the circumstances and the reply came that Bradshaw had asked to go and would not be admitted again. The ambulance was then asked for so that Bradshaw could be taken to his home, but this was denied. Bauer then called the Fourth Precinct patrol wagon and in this the old man was taken home.

Dr. Edwards attended the old man yesterday. He was indignant at the conduct of the hospital people, and said that even if Bradshaw had asked to go home they should not have permitted him to do so. In any event, as he was not able to walk, he should not have been allowed to go without a conveyance.

At the hospital the only excuse given was that Bradshaw was not put out, but had asked to be allowed to go home.

A short time ago George Stanford, once a successful Newark clothier, was wheeled out of the hospital and deposited on the cold ground outside of the gate, the authorities claiming he was able to leave the institution but preferred to stay because it was a good home.

Stanford lay there for some time unable to move, as he was a victim of chronic rheumatism. People in the neighborhood who witnessed the inhumanity of the hospital authorities raised such a hue and cry that the attendants finally became alarmed, opened the gates and wheeled Stanford back again.

Wedded at Stapleton.

The marriage of Miss Agnes E. Bechtel, daughter of the late George Bechtel, the wealthy brewer, of Stapleton, S. I., and Edward C. Wagner, of New York, was celebrated in the First Presbyterian Church, Stapleton, at 8 o'clock last evening. The church, which was decorated with palms and lilies of the valley, was filled with guests from New York and Staten Island. The bride's brother, George Bechtel, gave her away. The Rev. Wilbur Pike, pastor of the church, officiated.

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ESCAPED TO DIE OF COLD.

Body of C. H. Bebee, an Inmate of a Easton Sanitarium, Found Nude and Frozen.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 12.—Just about daylight this morning the nude body of a man, frozen stiff, was found upon the porch of David Howell, at Howell's Station, two miles from here. The remains were later identified as those of G. H. Bebee, of Brooklyn, who has been an inmate of the Easton Sanitarium. He had been mentally suffering for some time. The man had escaped from the place and addressed as he walked along the road and threw his clothes away.

Several neighbors residing in the vicinity say they were awakened between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning by some one rapping at their doors as if wishing to get in. On opening the door no one was seen. When the body was found there was a fresh bruise on the left temple, as if caused by a fall or a blow. Bebee has given the police much trouble while being confined at the sanitarium, as he has escaped several times from the institution. His body will be shipped to his home in Brooklyn.

Mr. Bebee resided at No. 186 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, and was well-to-do. He was sent to the sanitarium eighteen months ago.

GAVE LIFE FOR HER CHILD.

Burial of Mrs. Price, Who Received Fatal Injuries at a Fire.

Mrs. Abbie Price was buried yesterday from the home of her sister, Mrs. C. J. Conlon, No. 345 Gates avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Price's death was due to her efforts to save her child. The family had a large Christmas tree at their home, No. 553 Halsey street.

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CHIEF POINTS OF GOVERNOR GRIGG'S MESSAGE.

Equal Taxation Laws.

It appears that the feature of the present tax laws most complained of is that which gives to the State the largest proportion of taxes levied upon the property of railroad corporations. It also appears that this complaint is practically limited to one locality, viz., Jersey City. It is manifest that there has been a tendency on the part of the Legislature to concede from time to time something more to the localities than was originally granted, and the practical question now raised by the report of the commissioners is, whether or not it is expedient to make a further concession in this direction. All the commissioners agree that the principle of railroad taxation adopted by the act of 1884 should be maintained. That principle has resulted very beneficially to all the people of the State, enabling the State government to be carried on without the imposition of direct taxes upon the people.

It seems to be generally believed that, in most localities, the assessors deliberately violate the law and their oaths of office by assessing property, not at its true value as required by law, but at a fraction of its true value, that fraction being greater or smaller in accordance with the practice and public sentiment in each community. If it be true, as reported by the commissioners, that the violation of this official oath is almost universal, a far more difficult in procuring the indictment and punishment of assessors so violating the law, provided public sentiment, as represented in the grand and petit juries of the State, so demanded.

Comfortable Balance in the Treasury.

The balance of the State fund in bank at the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1896, was \$959,628.08—a condition eminently gratifying and satisfactory. If, however, it is to be inferred that this balance is a surplus in the hands of the State, appropriated to State uses and not to be needed unless hereafter disposed of by the Legislature, such an impression is erroneous and liable to be harmful. The existence of this balance on the closing day of the fiscal year does not justify any effort to increase appropriations on the assumption that the State has any such amount of money on hand to be expended, except on the ordinary lines of necessity, prudence and economy.

Politics in the County Institutions.

The Board of Managers call attention to the fact that while the State hospitals are conducted on a non-partisan basis, the county institutions which are managed by the Boards of Chosen Freeholders are naturally affected, if not tainted, by local influences, political and otherwise. They point out that in only two of the county institutions is there a resident physician or a competent corps of nurses, and that for political reasons, in most of the counties, a far higher rate of wages is paid to attendants than is necessary, and an inferior order of service is obtained. They state, and I concur in their opinion, that the growth of such institutions will in the end work many evils, besides detracting from the efforts of the State in the establishment and maintenance of the two great institutions, which compare favorably with all others of their kind in this country.

Multiplication of Statutes.

The last Legislature deserves much commendation for its efforts in the direction of restricting the volume of public statutes. It is evident that if the multiplication of statutes shall go on at the rate that has prevailed during the last ten years, it shall be necessary to repeal that legal maxim which declares that "Ignorance of the law excuses no man."

Instead of clear and logical classification, simplicity and condensation, most of the titles reveal large numbers of separate acts, drawn without any special reference to each other, often covering in different ways, and sometimes in inconsistent ways, the same subject, and constituting a mass of legal enactments incomprehensible to the layman, and to the lawyer and judge often of doubtful meaning and application.